

Boulevard Planning Group
MINUTES/SUMMARY, March 4, 2010
Boulevard Fire and Rescue Inc. Bay Mtg. Area, 39919 Highway 94/Ribbonwood

1) CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM.

2) DETERMINATION OF QUORUM/ROLL CALL: Members present: Tammy Daubach, Jeffrey McKernan, Chris Noland, Donna Tisdale (Chair). Absence excused: Darlene Koczka, Cheryl Lenz. Absent: Patricia Stuart

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M/S McKernan/Noland to approve the February 4, 2010 minutes. Passed: 4-0-0.

4) CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

5) NEW BUSINESS:

A. POD 09-006: NOTICE TO ADOPT DEGATIVE DECLARATION: SOLAR WIND ENERGY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT: The Planning Group discussed items to include in the letter to Carl Stiehl. The Chair has a preliminary draft letter in the works and will attach the Planning Group scoping comments submitted to the PUC/BLM joint DEIR/EIS review for Tule Wind, ECO Substation, and Energia Sierra Juarez projects. Some items discussed included, significantly reduced setback requirements and the public health and safety impacts, the need for a full EIS instead of a Negative Declaration, community impacts, out-dated and biased reports on birds and health, disposal, maintenance logs, fire impacts, visual impacts, and informing Planning Groups. March 26, 2010 is the deadline for submitting comments.

M/S McKernan/Daubach that Chair Tisdale will write a letter including the Planning Group's comments to be reviewed by Noland. Passed 4-0-0.

B. SDG&E MITIGATION FOR SUNRISE POWERLINK & ECO SUBSTATION: Chair Tisdale contacted the County Counsel asking if a majority of the Planning Group members attending the public SDG&E Community Council meetings would be a violation of the Brown Act. The County has not responded yet.

No action was taken on this item as the mitigation measures were tabled until they undergo further research and review and more Planning Group members are present for input. All mitigation measures must be tied in with direct impacts. The Planning Group will look into social economic effects and air, traffic, noise, and other impacts.

C. REQUEST FORMAL INVESTIGATION INTO KUMEYAAY WIND'S CATASTROPHIC FAILURE: Chair Tisdale will be writing a letter requesting a formal investigation into the Kumeyaay Wind's catastrophic failure regarding what happened and what preventive measures are being taken now. There will also be a request as to what is being done about the leaking oil, lights, and how the damaged parts will be disposed.

M/S McKernan/Noland that Chair Tisdale should proceed with the request for a formal investigation and submitting comments to the PUC, BIA, and the Department of the Interior. Passed 4-0-0.

D. AMENDMENT TO BIOLOGICAL MITIGATION ORDINANCE IMPACTING MSCP MITIGATION SUBAREAS: The precedence does not affect East County but this could become an issue during the next hearing.

M/S Noland/McKernan that Chair Tisdale will write a letter opposing the action due to the precedent setting nature and advising that impacts need to be mitigated in the area they affect. Passed 4-0-0. Passed 4-0-0.

6. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. OUTDOOR WORLD CELL TOWER P08-014: Main concerns about this project are the rustic appearance, the survival of the landscape, and a verification of legal access. It was agreed that the Chair would forward the concerns but no formal action was taken on this item.

B. NEW US BORDER PATROL STATION PROPOSED IN BOULEVARD: Border Patrol (BP) Supervisors Henry Soule and George Boone were present. No new information.

No action was taken on this item.

C. PROPOSED CAMPO LANDFILL: The draft Supplemental EIS has been released. Two public hearings will be held, one on the Campo Indian Reservation (Tribal Center) on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM and one at Buckman Springs (High School) on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:00 PM. The Chair encouraged public involvement and action. Comments are due no later than May 12, 2010.

D. UPDATE SUNRISE POWERLINK, ECO SUBSTATION & WIND ENERGY PROJECT ISSUES: A Federal complaint has been filed against this project. SDG&E has started claiming Eminent Domain on properties that the owners would not negotiate with them.

E. UPDATE FROM BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION AD HOC COMMITTEE: The new community sign at the intersection of Old Highway 80, Ribbonwood Rd, and Jewel Valley is finished. There was a poster with pictures and the names of all the volunteers and supporters. The Revitalization Committee met with the school to discuss summer reading programs. A survey will be sent out to the families to see if this is a needed program.

7. PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Larry Johnson of REAL explained recent decisions of the Campo Planning Group and the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) programs that compensate property owners

for restrictions on the future use of their land were also discussed.

8) ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Minutes are submitted by Tammy Daubach, Secretary.

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